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**Readers Guide**

**Virginia’s Legislature Ch. 11, sec.2 p.298-303**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 1. Name of Virginia’s state legislature

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 2. Who must sign any measures passed by the General Assembly before they become law

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 3. When citizens vote whether to approve or disapprove some proposed law

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 4. Total number of Virginia Senators

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 5. Length of term of a Virginia Senator

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 6. Total members of the House of Delegates

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 9. Presiding officer of the Virginia Senate

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**Part II. Short answer**

11. What are the two houses of the General Assembly?

12. What is the main job of the legislature?

13. What role does the General Assembly have in amending Virginia’s Constitution?

14. What are (2) ways that citizens can influence lawmakers?

15. When is the only time the Lt. Governor can vote in the Senate?

16. How long is the legislative session in Virginia?

17. If expenses go up faster than income, what must the General Assembly do to balance the budget?

18. What does article VIII of the Virginia Constitution require?

19. What must happen to a bill before it goes to the governor?

20. How can the General Assembly override the governor’s veto?